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JAPAN.

Report on the prevalence of infectious diseases in Japan.

YOKOHAMA, July 21, 1896.

SIR: I have the honor to forward the following report upon infectious diseases in Japan covering the period since July 13, the date of my last return, viz:

Cholera.—Kioto Fu, 1 case, 1 death; Osaka Fu, 1 case, no deaths; Tokio Fu, 10 cases, 4 deaths; Fukuoka Ken, 5 cases, no deaths; Ibaraki Ken, 2 cases, 1 death; Kagawa Ken, 1 case, no deaths; Kanagawa Ken, 2 cases, no deaths; Okayama Ken, 1 case, no deaths; Saitama Ken, 1 case, no deaths; Sidzuoka Ken, 1 case, no deaths; Wakayama Ken, 2 cases, 1 death; Yehime Ken, 2 cases, no deaths; total, 29 cases, 7 deaths.

Smallpox.—Osaka Fu, 6 cases, 2 deaths; Tokio Fu, 8 cases, no deaths; Awomori Ken, 3 cases, no deaths; Chiba Ken, 1 case, no deaths; Fukuoka Ken, 2 cases, no deaths; Fukushima Ken, 2 cases, 1 death; Ibaraki Ken, 1 case, 1 death; Iwate Ken, 3 cases, no deaths; Kagoshima Ken, 4 cases, 5 deaths; Nagano Ken, 1 case, 1 death; Nagasaki Ken, 2 cases, no deaths; Okayama Ken, 1 case, no deaths; Saitama Ken, 2 cases, 2 deaths; Sidzuoka Ken, 1 case, 1 death; Yamaguchi Ken, 1 case, no deaths; Yamanashi Ken, 5 cases, 1 death; total, 43 cases, 14 deaths.

Relapsing fever is decreasing, both as regards virulence and extent, dysentery, so far, shows no tendency to become violently epidemic, and I have no returns of any further occurrence of plague in Formosa.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

Inspection of vessels at Yokohama.

YOKOHAMA, July 21, 1896.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that, since June 9, up to which time I have reported, I have inspected vessels as follows, viz: June 11, steamship *Glenogle*, bound for New York, via ports. June 15, schooner *F. E. Sanders*, bound for Port Townsend. June 18, steamship *City of Peking*, bound for San Francisco, via Hawaii. June 22, steamship *Braemar*, bound for Tacoma. June 25, steamship *Doric*, bound for San Francisco, via Hawaii. June 27, steamship *Stathnevis*, bound for New York, via ports. June 30, steamship *Undaunted*, bound for San Francisco, and steamship *Mount Lebanon*, bound for Portland, Oreg. July 3, steamship *Strathgarry*, bound for San Francisco. July 4, steamship *China*, bound for San Francisco, via Hawaii. July 7, steamship *Tacoma*, bound for Tacoma. July 13, steamship *Glamorganshire*, bound for New York, via ports; steamship *Cedar Branch*, bound for New York, via ports, and ship *G. R. Skolfield*, bound for New York, via Manila. July 14, steamship *Belgic*, bound for San Francisco, via Hawaii. All of the foregoing were free from infection with the exception of the steamship *China*, inspected July 4, from which I removed a Chinese suffering from smallpox. The vessel, after thorough disinfection and vaccination of all on board, was allowed to proceed on her voyage.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

STUART ELDRIDGE,
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